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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID

**REF: STATE 179444** 

1. DIRECTOR MFA AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AMBASSADOR AHMED SIDKI TOLD POLCOUNS AUGUST 9 THAT HE WILL HEAD GOE DEL TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE. OTHER MEMBERS ARE FIRST SECRETARY FROM MFA INTERNTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

DEPARTMENT FADIL SAFTY, AND COUNSELOR FROM EMBASSY LAGOS.

- 2. IN RECENT CONVERSATION ON THE SUBJECT WITH K IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT AMRE MOUSSA WANTED TO KNOW HOW FAR U.S. WAS PREPARED TO GO IN PUSHING ACTION PROGRAM. SIDKI REITERATED THIS REQUEST TODAY.
- 3. COMMENT: USDEL WILL FIND SIDKI VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE, APPROACHABLE, FRANK AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, COOPERATIVE. HE IS A STRONG ADVOCATE OF GOE PLAYING LEADERSHIP ROLE ON BEHALF OF MODERATE FORCES IN AFRICA. CONFIDENTIAL

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TO DO SO, HE BELIEVES GOE MUST KEEP ITS DISTANCE ON CERTAIN ISSUES FROM U.S. OR IT RISKS BEING DISCREDITED AMONG AFRICANS. SIDKI BELIEVES THAT RACISM/ZIONISM IS "NO WIN" ISSUE FOR ARABS, BUT HE WARNED THAT WE SHOULD EXPECT IT TO BE BROUGHT UP BY SOME STATES AT CONFERENCE, AS WILL THE "INCREASINGLY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA IN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AREAS."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO USDEL IF IT COULD RESPOND TO SIDKI'S REQUEST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE AUGUST 20. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW FAR U.S. WILLING TO GO IN ESTABLISHING ACTION PROGRAM TO COMBAT APARTHEID. EILTS

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